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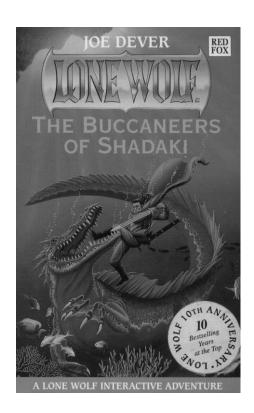


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Gwynian's Forum

Words of wisdom form the Sage of Varetta



Can you clarify what happens to the +1 EP bonus when you progress from Kai Master to Grand Master? (Andrew Carter, Warrington)

The +1 EP bonus gained when passing through combatless sections does still apply, but only if you have played and survived the Magnakai series books. Joe Dever intended this as a 'hidden loyalty bonus' for readers who had played the earlier books, which is why it was omitted from the Grand Master rules.

If a person keeps the +4 CS Weaponmastery ability from one series to the next, does that mean that when he gets Grand Weaponmastery he has +9 CS with the weapons he has proficiency in? (John Sterling, Chesterfield.)

The +4 CS Weaponmastery bonus is not added to Grand Weaponmastery—it simply rises by 1 to +5.

What is the name of the typeface used in the UK editions of the Lone Wolf gamebooks? (Brian Shaw, Lothian.)

The typeface, or 'font', used in the UK editions is called Souvenir Light (sometimes also known as 'Southern'). It is the same font as used in this feature.



Where do (did?) the women and children of the Drakkarim live, or do they in fact exist at all? (Kevin Day, Vancouver, Canada.)

Drakkarim society exists in their homelands, those territories that were colonised after their invasion of Northern Magnamund in the year MS 2591, namely Zaldir, Nyras and Nyvoz. All of the Drakkarim that Lone Wolf encounters are soldiers, which explains why they are never seen with their women and children. Some Drakkarim units, notably the Death Knights, are trained from an early age and do not have families. But others are predominantly natives of the Drakkarim homelands and occupied territories (Ogia, Northern Magador, Skaror and Ghatan). Before the demise of the Darklords. the strongest Drakkarim males were automatically conscripted into the Darklands army when they reached physical maturity around the age of 17.



What are the names of the 20 Darklords created by Naar? (Julie Seaforth, Albany, NY. USA)

The twenty Darklords created by Naar are:

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If the crystal explosive featured in section 301 of 'The Dungeons of Torgar' was so powerful that it completely destroyed Torgar's massive iron gate, how come it didn't destroy the surrounding wall which was only made of stone? (Michael Morris, Boston, Lancs.)

The Elder Magi designed this magical explosive to destroy only the iron gate, leaving the surrounding masonry intact. If you have a look at the illustration which accompanies the text of section 301 you'll see that the Torgar gate has melted rather than been blown apart. Were it simply a very powerful charge then the entrance would have been blocked in the resulting explosion. The causeway would most likely have collapsed as well.

Where is the grave of Sun Eagle, the first Kai Grand Master. Is he buried at the Kai Monastery, in the Vault of the Sun perhaps? (Simon Adamson, Kansas City, USA)

Sun Eagle, who was a Baron of Toran, is buried in a tomb in the centre of that city, close to the Guildhall of the Brotherhood of the Crystal Star.

The territorial names of areas in the Darklands seem to have their origins in the Giak language. Can you translate them please? (Ben Collins, Folkestone, Kent)

The main territorial regions of the Darklands are:

AZTAREGINA = Northern Sea GOURIZAGA = Coldlands NAOGIZAGA = No-lands

DAJDOKRITZAGA = Moon Mountains KAGAZITZAGA = Fire Mountains DEJKAATA = Eastern Shallows

Is the Dagger of Vashna taken from the bandit leader Barraka at the Maakengorge useable as a Weapon? (Alex Nightingale, Gwent)

Yes, if you possess this Special Item you may use it as an ordinary dagger in combat. It could also prove especially useful during the quest for the Lorestone of Tahou (Lone Wolf 9).

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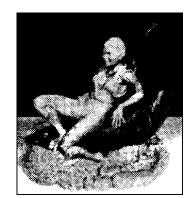




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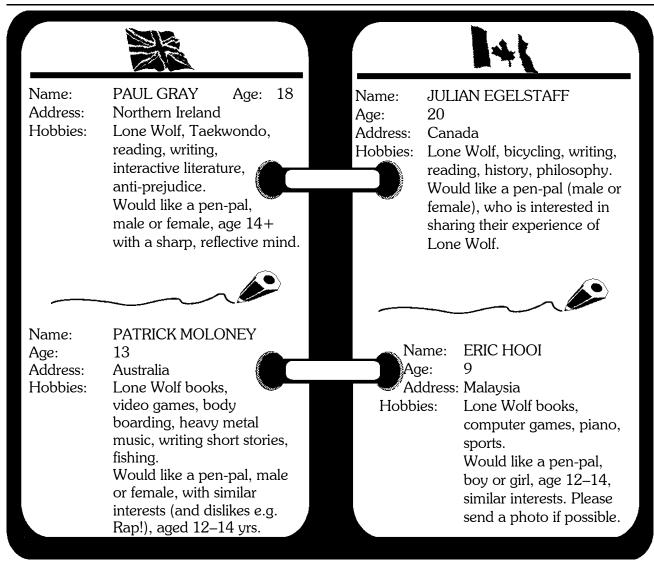
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Crystal of Peril

by Nadir Ollero

Lone Wolf attacked with lightning speed. The Drakkarim sentry barely had time to react before the Sommerswerd clove his head from his shoulders. As the evil warrior's body slumped to the ground, Lone Wolf threw himself amongst the remaining Drakkarim. Startled shouts and angry curses resounded in the moonlit clearing as the fight began in earnest. Lone Wolf had been tracking the Drakkarim patrol for two days. They had appeared from out of the Durncrag Mountains, boldly scouting the settlement of Shadow Pass. Under cover of darkness, the Drakkarim warriors had travelled swiftly along the southern banks of the River Tor, before heading southeast in the direction of the Kai Monastery. During the next day they had kept themselves hidden deep in the woodland before setting off again as the moon rose.

Lone Wolf had kept his distance, although his innate senses told him some-thing was wrong. Other than the obvious fact that the Drakkarim were enemies by their very nature, it seemed very strange that their chosen path was to head directly towards the monastery. What could a dozen Drakkarim hope to achieve against the might of the élite Kai?

Against his better judgement, Lone Wolf had decided out of sheer curiosity to wait awhile. He hoped to understand the evil warriors' motives as time went on. But tonight, as the Drakkarim had camped out in the forest clearing, Lone Wolf's divinitive sixth sense had screamed of imminent evil and danger. Acknowledging his own training, Lone Wolf had finally acted. Now,

as the clash of steel upon steel broke the night's silence, Lone Wolf felt he had



done the right thing. As he parried and thrust with the Sun-sword, felling another Drakkar, his divination told him he was making the correct course of action. Busy with the slaying of these vile Drakkarim, the main purpose for their being here was lost to him. Yet, Lone Wolf was still determined to find this out.

One Drakkar swung his black-bladed axe with breakneck speed towards the Grandmaster's throat. Yet, with ease, Lone Wolf deflected the blow upon the blade of his Sommerswerd. He pivoted a full circle then thrust his divine blade into the Drakkar's belly. The movement was but a blur to the doomed Drakkar. As his dying scream left his blood-flecked lips, Lone Wolf span around once more and despatched another servant of evil who was creeping up behind him. The fight continued with intense ferocity. Two Drakkarim had attempted to attack Lone Wolf from opposite sides, but their efforts were unsuccessful. As they charged in, Lone Wolf leapt high into the air. The warriors halted in shocked bemusement as their target seemingly vanished. Then Lone Wolf fell on them with devastating effect. One Drakkar lost his arm at the shoulder whilst his comrade lost his life. Within a matter of moments there remained only one Drakkar and one Kai occupying the clearing. Lone Wolf stood calmly poised among the slain. He stared unerringly into the eyes of the

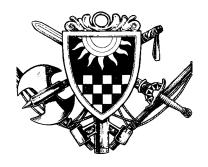
last warrior and the sight of his unblinking gaze send a shiver coursing down his foe's spine. The Drakkar's nerve broke like a twig before a tidal wave. He turned to flee for the safety of the undergrowth. Lone Wolf reacted with measured coolness. He raised his hand, palm outward, and spoke the power-word of the Elder Magi, as taught to him by his friend and advisor—Lord Rimoah of Dessi.

"Gloar!"

The Drakkar's body arched as the force of the word struck him in the back. With a sickening *crack!* his spine snapped, and his ruined body crumpled to the forest floor like a limp rag doll. Lone Wolf lowered his hand and looked about him.

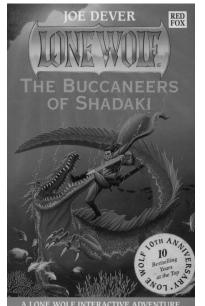
"So much death . . ." he whispered to himself, as he surveyed the body-heaped arena of the clearing. Then a glint of moonlight caught his eagle-eye. Frowning, Lone Wolf approached a Drakkar's back-pack from where the glinting came. His Kai senses issued a warning as he knelt down.





The flap was unbuckled and open and glimmers of light flickered from deep within. With caution, Lone Wolf edged nearer for a closer look. His Discipline of Kai-surge hinted at a deadly explosive force somewhere within the pack, but it seemed to be dormant. Not yet ready. Lone Wolf, with extreme care, removed an object from the pack. It was a crystal and it shone with a powerful light once removed from the pack. He could sense its destructive power held at its core, and as he focused his concentration, suddenly the true purpose of this crystal became clear to him. The crystal was synchronized with the very fabric of the Kai Monastery. Once placed beside the monastery's curtain wall, it would have exploded with devastating effect. Lone Wolf shuddered with horror. This accursed crystal could only have been crafted by a Nadziran—an evil sorcerer gifted in the Black Arts—a practitioner of death. It was terrifying to think that a Nadziran could have such close knowledge of the very heart of the monastery's masonry, and the foundations upon which it was built. It was this new and dangerous twist to the know-ledge of the dark magicians which Lone Wolf found so chilling. With determined resolve, Lone Wolf wrapped the crystal and placed it in his pack. He would take it to Toran. Guildmaster Banedon and Lord Rimoah would be able to render it harmless there. To return directly to the monastery would be disastrous. Sheathing his Sun-sword, Lone Wolf turned and left the clearing, leaving the slain Drakkarim to the hungry timber wolves. He heard them howl as he disappeared into the dark forest and became one with the shadows of the night.

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COMPETITION RESULTS

LWC Newsletter No. 27 'Make a Monster' Competition.

Many thanks to all the Lone Wolf Club members who entered this competition. We had over 120 entries in total and all were to a very high standard. Sadly we do not have space to show all the winners, but here are their names and ages:

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The Winner: Paul Ashley (9) of Sidcup, Kent. Runners-up: Joel Niedermann (10) of Trenton, US.

Barry Cowley (10) of St. Austel, Cornwall.

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The Winner: Giles Gibbs (8) of Leicester.

Runners-up: Peter Walker (13) of Limerick, Eire.

Carl Stonehouse (12) of Dundee.

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The Winner: Alice Miles (18) of Morecambe. **Runners-up: William Buxton** (16) of Oxford. **Patrick Stanton** (13) of Roanoke, US.

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- 1. If you add together the numbers which correspond to the New Order Kai name 'Rune Shield', and deduct the numbers which correspond to the New Order name 'Bold Star', what numerical total would you get?
- 2. What or who is a Zuath?
- 3. Bisutan is located in the estuary of which river?
- 4. Which Kai Weapon has unique properties when used against winged enemies?
- 5. Name the Sommlending envoy to Vassagonia?
- 6. What was the colour and type of headgear worn by Temujun?
- 7. Who is Oriah's father?
- 8. Name the Sommlending marine who was familiar with the route south from Cape Kabar to Bisutan?
- 9. To which land did Lone Wolf venture in order to draw attention away from the Moonstone quest?
- 10. In which city would you find the Bridge of Lanterns and the Avenue of the Sun?
- 11. Who succeeded Kimah as Zakhan of Vassagonia?
- 12. What is the name of Captain Raker's ship?
- 13. Name the owner of the warrior-slave called Malduz?
- 14. What is the name of Yranai's balloon?
- 15. Who escorted you from the Fryelund Forest to Holmgard harbour?

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